## CURIOUS CASE WILLIAM GULLY

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further argument.

lisher and owner.

The millionaire never made any Stavely Hunt, which must be done withfriends, and when he retired, at the in three months after my apparent age of sixty, from taking an active part | death-" in the business, he settled down almost into the life of a recluse. His one di- writer, being suddenly called away, version was the study of Eastern phil- had hurriedly placed what he had been osophy and occult science, in which writing in the desk for safety. The

assisted and encouraged by his pri- communication with a sneer of unbevate secretary, a half-caste native of lief, and threw it to Hunt with the India. This man went by the name of following scornful words: Stavely Hunt, and was a peculiar permate. Add to this an habitual air of est to you than to me." curious to know his history, he would sorting the deceased's papers. The letof the King of Oudh before its absorp- agent of destruction to John Gully's tion in the British dominions, and had peace of mind in the future. risen to high distinction in that state.

make his fortune over again in London. three parts drunk, lounging out of a whom he won over by promises of in- so appeared to be making haste to en struction in the occult sciences.

In Mr. Gully's household, much to the before he came on the scene again. disgust of the other members of the family, who neither believed in his pro- death John Gully was sitting in his offessional powers, nor liked the color of lice when in walked Stavely Hunt, unhis skin. In fact, none of the family announced. sympathized with their parent's rehis old age.

There was one exception to this attiyoungest daughter, Florence, who, at the time of her father's death, had just turned twenty-one. She had been educated at Newnham, where she had attained the highest honor granted to not waste your time." women by a net too generous alma mater. Florence had been a favorite of her father's from her childhood, and although she could not participate in his frusting belief in all Stavely Hunt for some one to show you out?" taught, she still showed a considerable Interest in physological research-in pe; "do you recognize this letter?" deed, it had been her pet subject at college.

A word or two here as to the composition of the Gully household, may not be amiss. Besides Florence, there were four other daughters, two of whom were married. The two sons practically carried on the business; the elder, John, editing the newspaper, and the younger, Peter, attending to the publishing department. John Gully inherited his father's capacity for business, and surpassed him in ability to make a good bargain and showed an even stronger spirit of miserliness, and again I think your position will be maa morose nature prevented him from enjoying the money he so easily gained.

wife, had originally been Florence's and then said: governess. She had been Mrs. Gully some three years before becoming a your position. Of course I don't bewidow. There was no love in the con- lieve a word of your ridiculous assertract, and among her friends and ac- tion, but considering the comfort you ly stated, that she would before very perhaps the money you received by long marry a former suitor of hers who his will was hardly an adaquate com- above by the account of the matter was considerately waiting till the old pensation for your devotion. I will man's death should set her free.

Mr. Gully died quite naturally, suddenly indeed, but with no such attendthat his testamentary dispositions were arranged with due respect to the various needs of the members of his famfly, and every one was satisfied, or fairly so, with the exception of Mr Stavely Hunt, who seemed to consider that Lis past services justified a more substantial legacy than five hundred pounds. The will had then to be proved, a process which, owing to the eagerness of in John Gull, s possession. the inheritors to obtain possession of

himself: led. This art is practiced by the Hindoo | already done.

mmulumum. 77 T may safely be laid down that yogis, and perhaps others, but the sewhen a millionaire dies where is cret of it has never yet been known to usually more interest taken in the Europeans. As it would not be wise subsequent fate of his property than to make the secret known until its sorrow felt for the loss of its late own truth is assured. I shall carry on my leaving any message behind her. er. Millionaires die so seldom, for ob- experiments privately, in hopes of bevious reasons, that this statement may ing able alone to perfect this grand disperhaps be taken as it stands without covery. There is a fear, however, that while doing so I may throw myself into Mr. William Gully was no exception | the cataleptic state without having preto the rule. Having spent the greater viously given warning of it to any one. part of his life in amassing money, and This state closely resembles death, so having never spared any time for the much so that no doctor, on a cursory cultivation of the domestic affections, examination, would imagine it to be It is not surprising that his family anything else, and my living body hardly mourned him beyond dropping might thus be unwittingly consigned the conventional tear on his oaken cof- to the tomb. In the event of my fin. His vast fortune had been rapidly death, or supposed death, I enjoin you, built up by the immense popularity of therefore, to keep my body for a period the penny weekly newspaper of which above ground in a secure place, and Mr. Gully had for years been the publif no decomposition sets in to apply it the method of restoring life known to

The letter stopped here, as if the subjects he took a very deep interest. reader will not, perhaps, be surprised In the pursuit of this hobby he was to learn that John Gully dismissed this

"Some more of my father's tomsonage. His general appearance sug- foolery. How mad he must have been gested that of a typical temperance before he died! As you encouraged him lecturer, run to fat in some hot cli- in this folly, this may be of more inter-

deference, coupled with a shifty look | Hunt took the letter, carefully folded about the eyes, and you will have some it without a word, and, putting it into idea of the man. To those who were his pocket, proceeded with the work of explain that he had been in the service ter, though, was destined to be an

The will was proved and all the leg-On the death of his royal employer, acies distributed. Stavely Hunt, as Mr. Hunt, owing to difficulties with his soon as he had obtained his, disappearsuccessor (as he explained), was obliged ed. He was seen one day, about a week to leave the country, and started to afterwards, magnificently attired and It was here that he met the millionaire, low public house near the Strand, and joy his five hundred pounds after his Hunt in time became a permanency own approved fashion. Nor was it long

About five weeks after his father's

"Well, what do you want? I hoped searches into the unknown, regarding to have seen you for the last time. them as indication of childishness in Hunt," said the man he thus intruded

"I want some assistance, Mr. Gully. tude, and that was in the case of his The legacy I had from your father has

"Oh, it has, has it? Well, you'll not get a penny from me, so you'd best clear out sharp, my good fellow, and

"Yes-but I think you will help me." "Then you think very wrongly," replied John Gully, angrily, as he reached for the bell. "Good-day. Or must I send

"Stay!" said Hunt, producing a pa-(ully recognized it as the document be had found among his father's pa-

"Nell," Hunt continued, "everything you: father said in it is true, and you have buried a live man."

"What nonsense is this?" broke in Gully.

"None whatever," replied Hunt; "and if I do not obtain pecuniary help from you, I shall find means to procure the exhumation of your father's body and then prove the truth of my state uent. When he comes to life terial y altered, Mr. John Gully."

Gul y desisted from his plan of call-Anna. Mr. William Gully's second ing a messenger, reflected for a while,

"Well, Hunt, I've been thinking over quaintances it was hinted, if not open- were to my father's declining years, write you a cheque now for two hunderd pounds, and if you do not trouble story, any more than he did Hunt's. ant circumstances as to justify an inquest. After the funeral it was found family, I will give you another tor exhumation of his father's body in the eight hurdred pounds at the end of three months. Of course, I must have that paper though. I do not wish my father's weakness made public."

A glance of intelligence passed between the two men, and Hunt intimated by a gesture that he agreed to the terms. He took the cheque and bowed himself out, leaving the letter

That night, instead of returning ditheir legacies, was finished in less than | rect to his home, John Gully hailed a a fortnight. During the interval be- cab and drove to Emperor's Gate. tween the reading of the will and the where his stepmother resided. A long proving, John Gully occupied himself conference took place between them. with arranging his late father's papers. They both professed entire disbelief in assisted by Stavely Hunt. On opening Hunt's assertions, and pronounced the his father's private desk he found, late William Gully's letter a piece of lying on the top of the other papers, nonsense. But, like most people outthis peculiar document, addressed to wardly skeptical, they were not thoroughly convinced in their own minds as "My Dear Son-Of past years, as you to the impossibility of the thing deare aware, I have devoted myself al- scribed. Besides, their fears as to the most exclusively to the study of East- consequences, if it were true, made ern science, assisted by my secretary, them all the more anxious to guard Stavely Hunt. I believe that I have against the possibility of its being verimade a most wonderful discovery, fied. Both agreed in the end that notinnamely, the art of suspending con- ing more could be done to make the sciousness at will for a prolonged per- matter safe than what John Gully had

It would be impossible to obtain per mission from the authorities to have the body exhumed without good rea sons for doing so, and then, supposing Stavely Hunt's story were true, such a course would be worse than leaving things as they were. If Hunt could be kept quiet until the three months expired, it would not matter what he did after that, as by then the late Mr. Gully would be dead indeed, no matter how successful his experiments had been. So they resolved to say nothing to any one about the business.

But now comes the most wonderful part of the story. Florence, the youngest daughter, who since her father's death had been residing with her stepmother, one day disappeared without

Some efforts were made to trace her, but when it was found that she had realized all the property accruing to her under the will, and had drawn out all the money standing to her credit in the bank, her nearest relations concluded that she had vanished of her own free will. As she was of age and fully competent to manage her own affairs, they were content with putting an advertisement in the agony columns of the daily papers, and troubled themselves no furtier.

Hunt to receive his second check. On the appointed day he presented himself at Mr. Gully's office, and on being ushered in, said:

"Well, Mr. Gully, the three months is Maj. Hill." up, I believe."

Hunt." death."

"Look here, Hunt. You may not know the law about obtaining money under false pretenses, but if you don't leave this room pretty sharp, I'll soon show you."

Hunt saw the game was up, and departed, vowing vengeance.

Not long after this meeting a letter to your name?" came from Florence, bearing the postmark of a village in the south of there! I declare I was there! But France, saying that her father was | did not hear my name called." alive, and in her care. This put John Gully and his stepmother into a mild | Major. fever, for they saw they were in danger of being called to account for their til he reached "Bleecker, J. J." suppression of the old man's letter. Still their anxiety grew less as time wore on and they heard nothing more. The reason of this silence was given by Florence when she finally rejoined her family. The following is a condensed form of her strange story:

As soon as Stavely Hunt had obtained the check for two hundred pounds from Gully he repaired to Florence and told her the whole story, at the same time proposing, with her assistance, to rescue her father from his living grave. She readily consented, for her previous | King Edward to Begin Campaign studies induced her to credit his story. She made her preparations for a journey. The next thing was to obtain the services of some trustworthy person to assist in recovering the body.

Acting on the advice of Hunt, she told the secret to a young army doctor named Jansen, who had for some time been paying her attentions. After a little not unnatural hesitation, he agreed to assist them to steal the body. This was done safely, and through Hunt's knowledge of the necessary process they managed to restore Mr. William Gully to life again, and at once made the best of their way to the south of

France. There were good reasons for this last step in their knowledge of John Gully's character. But Mr. William Gully might have been better left where he was. The "experience" had been too | itarium for tuberculosis patients in much for him. The three attended upon | England. This sanitarium is intended him with untiring care, but his state | to accommodate 100 patients, male and gradually grew worse and worse until, female. Of the total number of beds before many days had elapsed, Mr. William Gully was evidently on the

point of death in earnest. He begged Florence to reward the young doctor for his kindness by bestowing on him her kand, and then passed away.

graveyard, and Florence lost no time in | water to the spring, which was about obeying her father's last wishes by a thousand yards distant. He describes marrying Dr. Jansen. Stavely Hunt, the experience in his book, "Through whom she handsomely rewarded, ap- Rhodesia." A comrade volunteered to parently returned to India, for he was accompany him. When they were nearnever seen again. Such was the story ing the spring this man whispered to that Florence told to her brother and Stevenson. stepmother.

It is only fair to supplement the given by John Gully. According to his through the dark. version, he never believed his sister's me in any way, or attempt to force To confirm his disbelief, after much grave to which it had been originally consigned. He declares that he has berated through the surrounding trees ample evidence to prove that the body was there as he expected, and in just such a condition as a corpse, interred for that length of time, would be likely to be. His opinion, he added, of Florence's story was that she tavented it their hearts in their mouths. Suddento explain the indecent haste with ly, when they thought they were alwhich she left a house of mourning to most in the face of the "lion," they work design or embroidered in self or of the concluding picture was sketched marry Dr. Jansen.-Waverley.

> Philoprogenitiveness. Dog Seller (with huge masth) -- Better buy him, boss; he's very ford of

> children. Mr. Schermerhorn-No; he shan't have any of my children .- Brooklyn Eagle.

> Dignity. Edith-Our butler is dignified enough to be Lord Mayor of London!

> Ethel-Is that all? Why, our butler is dignified enough to be the Lord Mayor of London's butler!-Puck. Every boss thinks the boss system

is the best. Neglect chances to get even. TEASING A YOUNG SOLDIER.

Commander of a Military Institute Frightens a Small Cadet.

In the "Personal Recollections" of Capt. James Dinkins is an account of a little cadet who suffered a severe "scare" at the North Carolina Military Institute. When he entered the school, he reported at once to the president, Maj. Hill.

"Well, sir, what is your name?" asked Maj. Hill.

"James Bleecker."

"Well, what is your middle name?" "I have no middle name. Just James."

The examination proceeded rather disastrously, but the cauet was finally dismissed, and told to answer to his name at reveille the next morning.

The little fellow lay awake nearly all night, fearing he might not hear the drum-beat; and when it sounded he was promptly in line. The roll was called, and each boy answered; but when it came to "Bleecker," there proved to be several: H. H., H. B. and J. J. When the last-named was called. no one answered, and the little newcomer felt that he had been forgotten. After breakfast, when the boys had

gone to their rooms for stally, little Bleecker heard a tap outside. He threw The time came round for Stavely open the door, and found there a sergeant and two men, with their guns at a carry. "I have orders, sir," said the ser-

geant, "to arrest you and take you to

The boy started back in genuine hor-"I don't know what you mean, ror and despair. He wondered if his father had any conception of the awful "Why, you surely have not forgotten situation, and what he would say if he your promise to give me eight hundred | knew. But there was nothing to do pounds on this day if I kept quiet as to | but to yield, and he walked away with the circumstances of your father's his guard. As soon as they reached the Major's presence, that officer asked:

"Why were you not at roll-call this morning?"

"I was there," replied the boy. "Sergeant, did he answer to his name?"

"No, sir." "Well, sir, why did you not answer

"He did not call my name, sir. I was

The sergeant began, and went on un-"Stop, sir!" said the Major, "Is that

"Call the roll, sergeant!" ordered the

your name?" "No. sir, my name is James Bleecker." "But you told me that your name was iust James Bleecker.'

"Yes, sir." "Well, doesn't j stand for just?" This was the Major's private joke, which he had concocted in secret, and at which he never smiled.

WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Against Dreadful Scourge. An active campaign against consumption is soon to be started in Great Brit-



majesty has al upon. ways manifested thy in the move mation that Sir

S.R ERNEST CASSEL Ernest Cassel has placed the sum of \$1,000,000 at the King's disposal for charitable purposes. This money, by the King's direction, will be devoted to the erection of a saneighty-eight will be reserved for persons who can pay only a small amount for treatment.

The Eyes of a Lion. One night, when some troopers were encamped in South Africa, it came to They buried the old man in the village | the turn of Rennie Stevenson to go for

> "There's a lion skulking in the undergrowth on the right bank." Yes, there were its eyes, gleaming

"Shall I fire?" whispered the soldier.

"Yes, fire, but take good aim. If you only wound it, we are done for." The trooper knelt and took a long,

steady aim. and up the river. But there were the

eyes, still gleaming. Stevenson asked for the rifle and crawled nearer, trying to get a better shot. Closer and closer went the two. found the "eyes" to be two glowworms. The alarmingly bright little creatures and not felt it necessary to get out of the way.

He Was Not Unreasonable

A young man with an impediment in a full or a partial course.

"A p-p-partial c-c-course." "How much of a partial course?"

the th-thing won't w-wilt b-before I g-get it."

THEY WILL SOON COME OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS.

Have Regained All Their Old-Time Popularity-New Ideas in Cut and Trimming-Fashions from Gotham Pictured and Described.

New York correspondence:



ITH spring once settled, a remarkamings. Skirts show the delicate colors. closely fitted hips

a style seen three rears ago, and is a more graceful cut than the old skirt. Usually the skirt is for the less dressy suit. Etamine, wool trimmed up the back seam, without pleats | canvas and silk and wool sublimes are or extra fullness at the waist line or di- for thin tailor suit and make up charmrectly below. It swings out gracefully ingly. Soft silks in light tints and black from this point, however, and flares gen- and white materials are to be worn erously around the feet. All the new throughout summer. Striped white flat-

NEW TAILOR DRESSES Louis models are shown in the dressy tailor suits, and these usually are elaborately trimmed with fancy braid, stitched bands or embroidery of some kind. The fronts of jackets are usually bloused, much or little, as may be most becoming to the figure. In etamine and the silks much used for tailor gowns the blouse effect is accomplished by two boxpleats, one on either side of the front. Some jackets are a little double-breasted. turning back in narrow revers when open. The back is close fitting, quite plain if

one likes, but often varied with tucks. Sleeves vary somewhat, yet the coat sleeves with a proper fancy flaring cull seems likely to prevail. More elaborate ble display of tai- sleeves are seen in basque and Louis loring will begin, coats. One dressy sleeve in the eton Ladies' tailors have blouse is especially pretty. It is open had a bit the worst at the back from the wrist up over the of the fashions of elbow, where it rounds in shape and is late, but they'll filled with a puff of lace, fastened with make up in a few loops of braid and round crochet buttons weeks this spring at the wrist. These extend to the end of for much lost time. the opening, but do not fasten over the Their output so far elbow. Collars are of all sorts and conis characterized by ditions. They are trimmed with braid complexity and embroidery and are made of silk in than is usual, and black, white and colors, moire being a by free use of trim- favorite for this purpose, or of cloth in

> Tailor gowns are made in many materials, both lightweight and heavyweight cloths being available. Scotch tweeds, fancy mixed goods, lightweight broadcloths, Venetians and cheviots are used



COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE NEW TAILORMADES.

skirts in whatever manner they are cut nels and mohairs in gray, blue, white and or trimmed have this outline. Dressy biscuit are also to be used. Linens and tailor skirts have inside flouncings of madras are for wash tailor suits, and so lace, chiffon or silk on the lower half are piques and cotton canvas. ain, and no less a personage than King further to accentuate the slimness above. Seven examples of spring tailoring are

with linen trimmings, the linen in open with black and white silk. The first gown

Edward is to lead Everything that can give height and presented in the accompanying illustrahe crusade. His slenderness to the figure is to be seized tions. In the small picture is a suit of biscuit etamine over white silk, trimmed All tailor gowns are freely trimmed with black lace and with white moire in some form or other, the plain untrim- sprinkled with French knots. At the left med skirt being now a back number and in the second sketch is a gray wool canrarely seen. Some skirts are made with vas, whose scant ornamentation consisted ment to lessen and box-pleats, others with pleats all around, of flounces, tucking, herringbone stitchcontrol the rave with spaces between stitched down flat ing and gray velvet, the last in the belt. ages of this dread to the knees where the material flares out | Beside this is a light brown and green prettily. Stitching, tucking, satin folds, cheviot banded with brown and white silk and velvet bands, passementerie and velvet. Last in this group is a summer braid are all used. A few are shown model, a white flannel trimmed showily



SHOWIER TAILORING AND A CLOAK.

contrasting colors. Circular flounces are in white cheviot and narrow red serpenquite as popular as ever and are tucked. tine braid. Its sailor collar was heavy trimmed with bands and decorated in black lace over white satin. Next this various ways with fancy braid or em- are a biscuit taffeta skirt, self-trimmed broidery. An attractive skirt is made with stitched bands, and a biscuit velwith a hip yoke, the pleats in the skirt vet jacket, a shade darker than the skirt. below pointing up into this all around with lace collar and brown velvet belt and being set on with an open stitch. and revers. At the right in this picture nis speech went to a stammerers' in- This skirt has the effect of large pleats see a wedgewood blue broadcloth finishstitute and asked for a course of treat- made by a narrow inverted pleat, on ed with black satin folds. As this and ment. The professor, who, according which in the center is sewn flat, fancy two of the other gowns hint, buttons to the Independent, had an eye to the braid showing slightly between the edges often are mere trimming by tailors, and main chance, asked him if he wanted as the skirt swings. The yoke idea will rarely costly ornamentation they make find favor in all kinds of skirts this sea- of it at times. son, as it helps along so well the look of

close lit around the hips.

Quite the color of the king of wines is Jackets are short, ending at the waist the new lace which bears no other name. "Enough s-so that wh-when I go to line in the great majority of cases. Some It is of a delicate close mesh and the a f-f-fl-florist's and ask for a c-c-c-chr- have short postilion ends at the back, a figures, while rather heavily done, are chry-s-s-anth- (whistle here) e-m-mum, few are finished with a short basque frill- so fine as not to in any wise mar the delshaped to fit the hips, but the very short icacy. These double-edged appliques, jackets ending in a belt or semblance of while useful in many ways, are shown as a belt, are the prevailing mode. A few a hat trimming.